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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO PAN AMERICAN: OLYMPIC RACING SHELLS

43*: (A) PRAGUE 1120, (B) STATE 088295, (C) PRAGUE 865

1. ON MAY 10, PAN AMERICAN OFFICE DIRECTOR TOLD EMBASSY THAT PROBLEM RAISED IN REFTELS A AND C IS NO CLOSER TO RESOLUTION THAN IT WAS IN EARLY APRIL. PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE AT JFK AIRPORT IN NEW YORK CAN FIND NOBODY IN U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICE WHO CAN ASSIST HIM IN RESOLVING THE BOND/CUSTOMS PROBLEM. REPORTEDLY, NY CUSTOMS OFFICIAL TOLD PAN AM REP THAT CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT MUST REQUEST EMBASSY

WHICH MUST REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT WHICH MUST REQUEST TREASURY TO ARRANGE THE WAIVES. THIS SOUNDS A LITTLE FAR-FETCHED, GIVEN REFTEL B, BUT EMBASSY WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE, IF THE DEPARTMENT WILL TELL US WHAT STEPS ARE NECESSARY.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ASKING OUR HELP IN FACILITATING THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE SHELLS TO AND FROM MONTREAL.

3. AS WE HAVE MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, THERE IS SIZABLE FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO PANAM IN THIS BUSINESS AND WE WANT TO HELP RESOLVE THE OBVIOUS BUREAUCRATIC TANGLE IN THE U.S.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHAT FURTHER
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STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO HELP RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM AND INFORMATION

ON KNOWLEDGEABLE U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICIAL REQUESTED REF A.

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